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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
SATO et al.)
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DEVICE AND OPTICAL MODULES)
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please substitute in this divisional application the replacement paragraphs as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert before the first paragraph under **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION** of page 1 of the Disclosure currently on file with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/916,286 filed on July 30, 2001.

Please delete claims 1-18.